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Sunday 23rd July 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 23rd July 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6.15pm (Saturday 22nd July 2023)

Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

8.30am David & Cecilia Clark RIP

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

11.30am Laura Conroy RIP

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Rosary & Benediction

5pm Guss Hogan RIP

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORD TIME

Monday 24th July 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Intentions of Ann Tully

10am Intentions of John Ambler

Tuesday 25th July 2023 (Feast)

Saint James, Apostle

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Archbishop John

Wilson (5th Anniversary of his installation)

Wednesday 26th July 2023 (Memorial)

Saints Joachim & Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am Tom Bracken RIP

10am Happy family life

Thursday 27th July 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Patrick Taggart RIP

10am People of the parish

Friday 28th July 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Fr John Hartley RIP

10am Sabino & Maria Gomes

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 29th July 2023 (Memorial)

Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus

10am For the return of lapsed Catholics

Sunday 30th July 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6.15pm (Saturday 29th July 2023)

Tessa Fletcher RIP

8.30am Margaret White RIP

10am Ann Marie Sy-Yan RIP

11.30am Margaret McDonagh RIP

4pm Rosary & Benediction

5pm People of the parish

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please remember in your prayers the following three young parishioners who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from Monday 31st July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023. They are Melissa Desa, Kirsten Fernandes & Oluchukwu Muoghalu.

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

*Rosary: Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(*Stations of the Cross during Lent*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley, Philip Chapman, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski, Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle, Pat Nawrat, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ, Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The Requiem for **Tessa Fletcher** will take place here on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 12 Noon. Tessa's body will be brought into the church at 4.30pm the previous afternoon, to remain overnight in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

URGENTLY REQUIRED

In order to help run the programme, we urgently need more catechists.

If we do not find enough people, we may be unable to run the course. Indeed, the same applies to First Holy Communion. The burden seems to fall on a small number of people who put themselves out every time. We rely on the generosity of parishioners to enhance parish life, passing on the Catholic Faith in this special way, by acting as teachers to our youth.

Please be aware that a DBS check will be required, which will be arranged at the expense of the parish.

CONFIRMATION 2023

This year's Confirmation programme launches with an introductory meeting on Wednesday 13th September 2023 from 7.30pm to 9.15pm in the church. Confirmations will take place on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday 26th November 2023 at 12 Noon, with Bishop Philp Moger officiating.

Please apply online via this link:

[St Bart's Confirmation Programme 2023 Application \(v.2\)](#)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Basket £821.89:

(Gift Aid: £333.35; Non-G/A: £488.54)

Plus Standing Orders: £596.57.

2nd Collection – Peter's Pence: £476.21:

SCHOOL REFERENCES

School Reference Forms will be made available on our parish website, with hard copies provided in the main porch.

The forms explain the entire process. They also take account of the need for references being required outside of the normal application period, including those who move into the parish throughout the year, and for in-year transfers and waiting lists.

FATHER DEO'S HOLIDAY

Father Deo is now in Tanzania, returning on Thursday 31st August 2023. We wish him a pleasant holiday.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May
those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly
to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son,
Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,
so that we may love you more deeply and
serve you more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid envelopes may be collected from the main
porch. White envelopes are for Standing Order givers.

NB: Some Gift Aiders have new Box Numbers.

Information and forms available for the Gift Aid scheme.

Do check your tax position with HMRC first of all.

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people
tend to give £10.00, where they can afford to.

Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too (see envelopes).

**No date or time can be guaranteed. Also, where a
funeral occurs at 10am, this will take precedence.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

Photographs taken by John Taylor may be viewed in two
albums on the window sill near the Repository.

Please write your choices on the order form provided.

Payment may be made upon collection of your order.

Incredibly, we still have a number of uncollected photos
from various First Holy Communion and Confirmations in
past years, and these are also in the porch for collection and
payment, despite many attempts to contact those who
ordered them. Please see if yours are still there.

FLOWERS

Please place offerings in the dedicated wall box in the
main porch. Thankyou for your continued generosity.

CAFOD

The world bank supports new laws which push farmers towards
using seeds sold by big Agribusiness. If we are to build a more
sustainable food system, then the rights of the small-scale
farmers must be put at the heart of the solution. More than ever,
supporting small farmers' rights over their own seed varieties is
vital for ensuring long term food security and climate resilience.
Ahead of the world bank's autumn meetings, I urge you to sign
the big letter at the back of the church. Protect the fundamental
rights of small farmers to save, use, exchange and sell their own
varieties of seeds. Put an end to all policies that limit small
farmers choice over which seeds they can access.

UNWANTED NOTES, COINS AND CURRENCY

Please deposit any old notes and coins, including UK and foreign
currency, in the special basket on the windowsill of the main
porch. The SVP can gain some value from such currency.

Marriage Celebration on Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 3pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Please apply by **Monday 31st July 2023.**

You can email: mflse@rcaos.org.uk



“ ‘Let them both grow till the harvest; ‘ ”

(Matthew 13:30)

Picture courtesy of: www.salfordliturgy.org.uk

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CATHOLIC SPHERE

For current information, please see the brown folder in
the main porch, which contains details of employment
opportunities in the Catholic world, including schools, and
charities, as well as forthcoming school open days.

OUR PARISH SECRETARY IS RETIRING!

Our Parish Secretary will be retiring next year, after 9 years.
Father Deo would like to hear from anybody who might be
interested in taking on this important position.

Starting hourly rate is £13.50.

To find out more, please see Father Deo in September.

You must have permission to work in the UK.